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Letter dated 16 September 2011 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chair of the Second Committee

I have the honour to inform you of the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 2nd plenary meeting of its sixty-sixth session on 16 September 2011, pertaining to the allocation of items to the Second Committee.

I wish to draw your attention to the relevant parts of sections III and IV of the report of the General Committee (A/66/250) concerning the agenda of the Main Committees.

May I also draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the same report. Those recommendations were also approved by the General Assembly at its 2nd plenary meeting.

(*Signed*) Nassir Abdulaziz **Al-Nasser**

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1. Election of the officers of the Main Committees [item 5].

A. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

2. Information and communications technologies for development [item 16].

3. Macroeconomic policy questions [item 17]:

   (a) International trade and development;

   (b) International financial system and development;

   (c) External debt sustainability and development;

   (d) Commodities.

4. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2008 Review Conference [item 18].

5. Sustainable development [item 19]:

   (a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;

   (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

   (c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;

   (d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind;

   (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;

   (f) Convention on Biological Diversity;

   (g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-sixth session;

   (h) Harmony with Nature;

   (i) Sustainable mountain development;

   (j) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy.

6. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) [item 20].

7. Globalization and interdependence [item 21]:

   (a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence;

   (b) Science and technology for development;

   (c) Development cooperation with middle-income countries.

8. Groups of countries in special situations [item 22]:

   (a) Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

   (b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation.

9. Eradication of poverty and other development issues [item 23]:

   (a) Implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017);

   (b) Women in development;

   (c) Human resources development.

10. Operational activities for development [item 24]:

   (a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

   (b) South-South cooperation for development.

11. Agriculture development and food security [item 25].

12. Towards global partnerships [item 26].

13. People's empowerment and a peace-centric development model [item 29].

B. Maintenance of international peace and security

14. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [item 61].

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

15. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [item 121].

16. Programme planning [item 135].

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Agenda item 19 (a)
Sustainable development: implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

Letter dated 4 October 2011 from the Permanent Representatives of Antigua and Barbuda and the Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

As you know, the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, also referred to as "Rio+20", will be held in June 2012 in Brazil, in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 64/236.

The Second Committee of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly, under the chairmanship of Abulkalam Abdul Momen, will discuss the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development under agenda item 19 (a). The discussions will lead to the adoption of a resolution on the modalities of the Conference, including its organization of work.

The Bureau of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference met on 12 September 2011 and has prepared a set of recommendations for the organization of work of the Conference. We are pleased to transmit these recommendations to the Second Committee (see annex), inviting it to consider them for possible inclusion in the final resolution.

We are therefore requesting that the attached recommendations be circulated as a document of the Second Committee of the General Assembly under agenda item 19 (a).

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Co-Chair of the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee

(*Signed*) **Kim** Sook
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Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations
Co-Chair of the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee

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Annex to the letter dated 4 October 2011 from the Permanent Representatives of Antigua and Barbuda and the Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Recommendations of the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development for consideration by the Second Committee of the General Assembly of the resolution to be adopted on the modalities of the Rio+20 Conference

The Second Committee of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is invited to consider the following recommendations, inter alia, while finalizing the resolution on the modalities of the Rio+20 Conference.

- The Conference programme should consist of:
  - Six high-level plenary meetings, including the opening and closing meetings.
  - A total of four high-level round tables, each delegation participating in only one round table.
- All round tables could cover the same overarching theme — looking at the way forward in implementing the expected outcomes of the Conference.
- The Chairs/Co-Chairs and Rapporteurs of the round tables should be chosen in accordance with the principle of equitable geographical distribution.
- The outcomes of the round tables should be reflected in the summaries of the Rapporteurs, which should be reported to the Conference at the closing plenary meeting and included in the final report of the Conference.
- In accordance with the decision taken by the Preparatory Committee at its second meeting, the costs for providing interpretation and other conference services in support of the preparatory process, including the negotiating process of the draft outcome document should be met. Resources already allocated for the twentieth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development should constitute an integral part of the required resources.